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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: MB Docket No. 02-277 and MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317 and 00-244;
Public Notice DA 01-1264.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 7, 2003, representatives of the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance ("NASA") met with Chairman Powell and Commission staff regarding the above-captioned proceedings. Present on behalf of NASA were Jonathan Blake and Jennifer Johnson of Covington & Burling, and Wade Hargrove of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, counsel for NASA; Alan Frank from Post-Newsweek Stations; John Lansing from Scripps Howard Broadcasting; David Barrett from Hearst-Argyle Television; Andy Fisher from Cox Television; and Jack Sander from Belo Corporation. In addition to Chairman Powell, Marsha MacBride and Susan Eid of the Chairman's office, and John Rogovin, General Counsel, attended the meeting.

In this meeting, the representatives of NASA discussed the positions that are on the record in the above-captioned proceedings and responded to questions. In addition, the Commission personnel who were present were given copies of two presentations titled "Network Affiliation Provisions that Violate the Communications Act and FCC Rules" and "Top 10 Network Myths" that were submitted to the Commission in DA 01-1264. (With regard to the first document the undersigned pointed out that the information as to CBS is no longer accurate in a number of respects.) Those present were also provided with copies of the testimony of Hank Price, general manager of the Hearst station in Winston Salem, N.C., delivered at the Richmond, Va., hearing on media ownership, and previously submitted to the Commission in docket numbers 02-277, 01-235, 01-317 and 00-244.

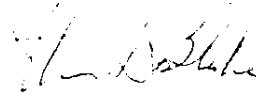
Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and 10 copies of this letter (two copies for each docket number) are being submitted to the

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Secretary's office, with copies to those at the FCC that attended the meetings. Copies of this letter also have been provided to Mania Baghdadi, Linda Senecal, and Qualex International, as specified in the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (MB Docket No. 02-277) and in Public Notice DA 01-1264.

Respectfully submitted.



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